

## Message Text

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TAGS: CASC CU  
SUBJECT: US TOURIST INCIDENT IN HAVANA

1. BRITISH AMBASSADOR VISITED USINT, NOVEMBER 21, TO INFORM US OF INCIDENT INVOLVING US TOURISTS, NOVEMBER 18. ACCORDING TO AMBASSADOR, US TOUR GROUP, COMPOSED MAINLY OF ELDERLY PEOPLE, WAS HARASSED BY "NUMEROUS" CUBAN SECURITY PERSONNEL AT MUSEUM OF REVOLUTION AFTER TOURIST INADVERTENTLY DAMAGED DISPLAY OF SOVIET LITERATURE. SOME OF TOURISTS, WHO HAVE NOW DEPARTED CUBA, WERE ASKED TO PROCEED TO POLICE STATION FOR INTERROGATION, BUT, WHEN GROUP REFUSED TO DIVIDE, CUBAN TOURIST AUTHORITIES (CUBATUR) INTERVENED WITH POLICE TO PREVENT INCIDENT. ALL TOURISTS WERE FINALLY ALLOWED TO PROCEED ON THEIR WAY. INCIDENT WAS WITNESSED BY VISITING REPORTERS OF CHICAGO SUN-TIMES AND PARIS HERALD TRIBUNE.

2. BRITISH AMBASSADOR WAS INFORMED OF MATTER BY TOUR GROUP LEADER DR. JOHN LONG, 1325 ASTOR, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60610 - A VALUED CONTACT OF BRITISH CONSUL IN CHICAGO.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: IN VIEW OF EFFORT WHICH BRITISH AMBASSADOR UNDERTOOK TO INFORM US OF INCIDENT, AS WELL AS PRESS INTEREST, USINT SUGGESTS THAT DEPARTMENT TELEPHONE DR. LONG TO EXPRESS CONCERN AND TO ASCERTAIN FACTS OF CASE.

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